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C. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In order to better assist the Examiner with the prosecution of the case, the current pending claims have been included in their entirety for which reconsideration is requested.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for automatic window representation adjustment, said method comprising the steps of:

detecting current activity of a window element within a graphical interface, independent of a specific selection of one from among minimizing said window element and maximizing said window element; and

automatically performing at least one of minimizing said window element and maximizing said window element to reflect said current activity, such that a representation of said window element is graphically represented, wherein minimizing said window element comprises reducing said window element from a graphical window to a graphical icon representing said graphical window, wherein maximizing said window element comprises increasing said window element from a minimized graphical icon representing said window element to a full graphical window.

2. (Original) The method for automatic window representation adjustment according to claim 1, said step of automatically adjusting further comprising the step of:

automatically adjusting a position of said window element within a z-order of a plurality of windows displayed within said graphical interface.

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3. (Original) The method for automatic window representation adjustment according to claim 1, said step of automatically adjusting further comprising the step of:

automatically adjusting a size of said window element.

4. (Original) The method for automatic window representation adjustment according to claim 1, said step of detecting current activity further comprising the step of:

detecting current use of a window element.

5. (Original) The method for automatic window representation adjustment according to claim 1, said step of detecting current activity further comprising the step of:

detecting a transparency of said representation of said window element.

6. (Currently Amended) The method for automatic window representation adjustment according to claim 1, said step of detecting current activity further comprising the step of:

detecting a resource usage associated with said window element, wherein said resource usage associated with said window element comprises a usage of a system resource by an application associated with said window element, wherein said usage of said system resource is independent of usage of said system resource associated with a user interacting with said window element.

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7. (Original) The method for automatic window representation adjustment according to claim 1, said method further comprising:

detecting current activity in association with a plurality of windows elements displayed within said graphical interface; and

adjusting alpha levels associated with each of said plurality of window elements to order said plurality of window elements to reflect said current activity.

8. (Original) The method for automatic window representation adjustment according to claim 7, said method further comprising the step of:

adjusting alpha levels of a selection of said plurality of window elements that are minimized representations of a plurality of windows.

9. (Currently Amended) The method for automatic window representation adjustment according to claim 7, said method further comprising the step of:

performing at least one of minimizing and maximizing each of said plurality of window elements in response to adjusting said alpha levels of each of said plurality of window elements, wherein minimizing each of said plurality of window elements comprises reducing a graphical window from among said plurality of window elements to a graphical icon representing said graphical window, wherein maximizing each of said plurality of window elements comprises increasing a graphical icon representing a window element from among said plurality of window elements to a graphical window.

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10. (Currently Amended) A system for automatic window representation adjustment, said system comprising:

a graphical user interface;

means for detecting current activity of a window element within said graphical user interface, independent of a specific selection of one from among minimizing said window element and maximizing said window element; and

means for automatically performing at least one of minimizing said window element and maximizing said window element to reflect said current activity, wherein minimizing said window element comprises reducing said window element from a graphical window to a graphical icon representing said graphical window, wherein maximizing said window element comprises increasing said window element from a minimized graphical icon representing said window element to a full graphical window.

11. (Original) The system for automatic window representation adjustment according to claim 10, said means for automatically adjusting further comprising:

means for automatically adjusting a position of said window element within a z-order of a plurality of windows displayed within said graphical interface.

12. (Original) The system for automatic window representation adjustment according to claim 10, said means for automatically adjusting further comprising:

means for automatically adjusting a size of said window element.

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13. (Original) The system for automatic window representation adjustment according to claim 10, said means for detecting current activity further comprising:

means for detecting current use of a window element.

14. (Original) The system for automatic window representation adjustment according to claim 10, said means for detecting current activity further comprising:

means for detecting a transparency of said representation of said window element.

15. (Currently Amended) The system for automatic window representation adjustment according to claim 10, said means for detecting current activity further comprising:

means for detecting a resource usage associated with said window element, wherein said resource usage associated with said window element comprises a usage of a system resource by an application associated with said window element, wherein said usage of said system resource is independent of usage of said system resource associated with a user interacting with said window element.

16. (Original) The system for automatic window representation adjustment according to claim 10, said system further comprising:

means for detecting current activity in association with a plurality of windows elements displayed within said graphical interface; and

means for adjusting alpha levels associated with each of said plurality of window elements to order said plurality of window elements to reflect said current activity.

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17. (Original) The system for automatic window representation adjustment according to claim 16, said system further comprising:

means for adjusting alpha levels of a selection of said plurality of window elements that are minimized representations of a plurality of windows.

18. (Currently Amended) The system for automatic window representation adjustment according to claim 16, said system further comprising:

means for performing at least one minimizing and maximizing each of said plurality of window elements in response to adjusting said alpha levels of each of said plurality of window elements, wherein minimizing each of said plurality of window elements comprises reducing a graphical window from among said plurality of window elements to a graphical icon representing said graphical window, wherein maximizing each of said plurality of window elements comprises increasing a graphical icon representing a window element from among said plurality of window elements to a graphical window.

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19. (Currently Amended) A program for automatic window representation adjustment, residing on a computer usable medium having computer readable program code means, said program comprising:

means for detecting current activity of a window element within a graphical interface, independent of a specific selection of one from among minimizing said window element and maximizing said window element; and

means for automatically controlling performance of at least one of minimizing said window element and maximizing said window element to reflect said current activity, wherein minimizing said window element comprises reducing said window element from a graphical window to a graphical icon representing said graphical window, wherein maximizing said window element comprises increasing said window element from a minimized graphical icon representing said window element to a full graphical window.

20. (Original) The program for automatic window representation adjustment according to claim 19, said program further comprising:

means for automatically controlling adjustment of a position of said window element within a z-order of a plurality of windows displayed within said graphical interface.

21. (Original) The program for automatic window representation adjustment according to claim 19, said program further comprising:

means for automatically controlling adjustment of a size of said window element.

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22. (Original) The program for automatic window representation adjustment according to claim 19, said program further comprising:

means for detecting current use of a window element.

23. (Original) The program for automatic window representation adjustment according to claim 19, said program further comprising:

means for detecting a transparency of said representation of said window element.

24. (Currently Amended) The program for automatic window representation adjustment according to claim 19, said program further comprising:

means for detecting a resource usage associated with said window element, wherein said resource usage associated with said window element comprises a usage of a system resource by an application associated with said window element, wherein said usage of said system resource is independent of usage of said system resource associated with a user interacting with said window element.

25. (Original) The program for automatic window representation adjustment according to claim 19, said program further comprising:

means for detecting current activity in association with a plurality of windows elements displayed within said graphical interface; and

means for controlling adjustment of alpha levels associated with each of said plurality of window elements to order said plurality of window elements to reflect said current activity.

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26. (Original) The program for automatic window representation adjustment according to claim 25, said program further comprising:

means for controlling adjustment of alpha levels of a selection of said plurality of window elements that are minimized representations of a plurality of windows.

27. (Currently Amended) The program for automatic window representation adjustment according to claim 25, said program further comprising:

means for controlling performance of at least one minimizing and maximizing each of said plurality of window elements in response to adjusting said alpha levels of each of said plurality of window elements, wherein minimizing each of said plurality of window elements comprises reducing a graphical window from among said plurality of window elements to a graphical icon representing said graphical window, wherein maximizing each of said plurality of window elements comprises increasing a graphical icon representing a window element from among said plurality of window elements to a graphical window.